



Newly elected class officers (from left, back row) John Luzzo (sophomore class treasurer), Rick Mundo (Sophomore Class President), Mike Bogan (Junior Class Secretary), Ralph Loura (Junior Class President), Marie Walsh (Senior Class Treasurer), and Deb Brosseau (Senior Class Vice President). Front row (from left) Chris Nagy (Sophomore Class Vice President), Beth Daniel (Sophomore Class Secretary), Diana Szucs (Junior Class Treasurer), Mardee LaMere (Junior Class Vice President), Sue Plomin (Senior Class President), and Chris Teall (Senior Class Secretary). (Photo by Ruthann Goller)

Students predict elections

By ROBERT WINTERS

One hundred students voted in a Stuff sponsored straw poll recently at Saint Joseph's. These students were asked to select one of the four major contenders for the Presidency in 1984. The results were tabulated by a member of the Stuff staff with the following results:

Ronald Reagan (R) . . . 59%
Gary Hart (D) 27%
Walter Mondale (D) . 11%
Jesse Jackson (D) 4%

Students were also asked to comment on their reasons for choosing a particular candidate. About one-third of the students polled chose to do so, but comments ranged from the serious to the humorous.

Those who chose President Reagan seemed to feel that he had done a "good job" thus far, that he had turned the economy onto the right track and that he needs another term to fully implement his foreign and domestic policies. Foreign policy and military affairs had both pro and con comments. One student's vote was simply: "Reagan: Military spending." Another felt that Reagan was the lesser of four evils and expressed the hope that he have a "good running-mate, because chances are, he will end up running the country." But one comment was short and strong, "He's done a good job and he doesn't take any (expletive deleted) from anybody."

The major comment regarding the closest contender Gary Hart was the fact that he was "new and young blood." Other students mentioned his personality and optimism. One student felt that Hart had not "alienated voters," and another stated that, "... his foreign policies

and goals for the country promote peace and human dignity, yet do not lose sight of the realistic environment of today's world."

Of those who commented on Mondale, one did not like Republicans or dark horse candidates, one felt that he had the experience, and one would vote for Mondale because he looks like their father.

Jesse Jackson had the poorest poll results, but 75% of his backers chose to comment on his abilities. One felt that Jackson is a shrewd politician and another indicates that Jackson will have a rainbow coalition.

We are going to have to wait until school is out before the Democratic Convention chooses its candidate to run against President Reagan, but based on the Stuff poll it might well be a Reagan - Hart race for the White House.

Those who wish to vote in the upcoming Presidential election must do one of two things:

- 1) You must register to vote in your hometown precinct (prior to October first in most states.)
- 2) You must register to vote in Jasper County as a student.

To accomplish the first step, go to your Clerk of Court in the county seat of the state in which you claim permanent residence and register. You must then apply for an absentee ballot if you are not able to vote in your precinct on November fourth. Absentee ballots are mailed and must be returned by a specific date prior to the election as required by state law. Each state differs so you must check your local voting regulations at the Clerk's Office.

It is suggested that an absentee ballot be returned by certified mail to ensure that it reaches the proper authorities.

If a student wishes to vote in Jasper County, he or she may register to vote at the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse. You must be able to prove that you are a student on temporary residence and that you are of legal voting age. Keep in mind that if you are a student from a state other than Indiana, but registered in Jasper County, you will only be able to vote for Federal and Indiana officials. For example, if you are registered in Jasper County, you will not be able to cast your vote for the governor of Illinois (if that is your home state). It is senseless to vote for officials who will not govern you after you leave school.

By voting an absentee ballot, you are able to exercise your right to vote for state officials who will be serving you after your graduation.

Upcoming S.A. sets plans

By TIM DOWNEY

On Monday, April 9, at the Student Senate meeting, plans for the upcoming school year were discussed. A new committee, the Social Welfare Committee was formed to better aid students in the social aspect of their involvement here at Saint Joe's. Plans for Little "500" were finalized, and from the looks of the situation on Saturday, the event can be termed as successful.

The new S.A. President, Ann O'Hara has many programs that she and her staff would like to institute for next semester. New ideas include having speakers coming each month to talk to students on

News Briefs

S.A. offices vandalized

Two S.A. Offices were vandalized sometime during the early morning of Sunday, April 15.

Apparently someone obtained access to the offices of Ann O'Hara, S.A. president and Mary Sue Banet, S.A. secretary, and defecated on the floor and desks. This person or persons then proceeded to smear the excrement on the walls.

O'Hara had the following to say: "As far as who did it, or why they did it, I don't understand. I just think it is really sad. I think it is sad that if someone has a problem they can't approach me or someone else in the S.A. I feel that the action did not prove anything and for the most part it was pretty useless."

BRING BACK THE BEARS?

Coach Mike Ditka of the Chicago Bears visited SJC this past week to discuss the possibility of the Bears training here for two and a half weeks this summer. Though no contract has been presented as of yet Dr. Hogan, Athletic Director remarked, "Coach Mike Ditka seemed in favor of the Bears training here, especially after having his picture taken with two of our beautiful co-eds."

MR. PUMA

Senior Mike Maltby was chosen Mr. Puma 1983 - 84 in a contest held outside Halleck Center April 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Sandy Shaw, Joan O'Neil, Ann O'Hara and Chris Maccagli were the judges of the contest. Rich Krupa served as Master of Ceremonies and presented Maltby and the runners up Dan Florenzo (sr.) and Kevin Fleck (jr.) with the right to claim their prizes. Each received their choice of record from the bookstore.

STAFF CHANGES

Resignations have been submitted by Ms. Kate Worden, biology and Dr. Cathie Alderks, psychology, effective at the end of the academic year.

"I've really enjoyed getting to know students at Saint Joe's both in and out of the classroom," said Worden of her five year stay here, part of which she spent living on campus. Ms. Worden's plans include Osteopathic Medical School.

Dr. Alderks, after two years at SJC stated, "It's been everything... good and bad." She did not indicate her future plans.

HOCKEY FUND RAISER

April 2-4 at 9 p.m. the Hockey Fund Raiser was held in the Fieldhouse. Co-coordinators of this event was Mike Galiga (jr.), and Pete Powell (sr.).

Those playing were the "all-stars" selected from their various I.M. teams by their coaches. Winning two out of two games each, the East Seifert Rat Pack and Noll's Stoned Ponies emerged victorious.

"It was a good excuse to play hockey," said Galiga. All funds collected from students were donated to the Saint Augustine's food pantry in Rensselaer.

INJURED STUDENT

Sophomore Joe Matlon is listed in a semi-comatose condition at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis after a serious car accident near Justin Hall late Friday evening, April 6. His breathing is reported as normal and the doctors are hoping for a complete recovery. All are asked to remember Joe in their prayers.

a large range of topics. Also, movies will no longer be shown in the auditorium. As O'Hara stated, "We can hardly compete with HBO and The Movie Channel for the newest movies. Therefore, the \$6,000 allocated to movies each semester can be used elsewhere. The S.A. plans on using \$4,000 towards bands and the remaining \$2,000 on several special events.

As for the bands, Pumas can expect a lot more diversity. Mixers, with the help of HSUB, will have more definite themes and will also be more widely promoted. This year many students were not aware of when bands were here, but next year this is sure to

change. The quality of the bands, not quantity, will be the theme next semester, and plans are in the works to bring in a large, semi-professional band in which a campus wide promotion will be engaged.

O'Hara's goal is to get as much involvement of the students and the administration as possible. Several events including student-teacher parties are already in the works. These will probably be organized through the dorm governments.

Pumas can also look forward to having one more cable channel, MTV. All of all O'Hara says that she "just wants to survive next year."

What's less is more

Let's hear it for the small school. Where else could an incredibly untalented actress (don't be insulted anyone, I am referring to myself) have a chance at a good part in a college production? And where else could someone with no experience try her hand at editing a college newspaper?

Of course, there are a lot of disadvantages. if you want to have a party of more than 1,000 you have to rent people. But everyone knows it is a pain in the proverbial backside to hold an elegant supper for more than 900 anyway.

And some people complain about the location. Who want to road trip just to find a hill? But then again, it is a haven for lazy joggers who do not want to run up just for the pleasure of running down again.

"Everybody Knows Everybody at Saint Joe's" is the popular and generally derogatory theme song. But who really wants to be ostracized by strangers when they can be ignored by friends?

Last but not least, at a big school could you have the rapport students and faculty share here? No one wants to be just a number. Unless, of course, you are number one.

People talk a lot about apathy, but from my experience I have seen that the people here really care for each other. Club call outs may not be flocked, and perhaps the amount of spectators at the last athletic event was sparse, but if you are in trouble or feeling low there is always a familiar face to help you out.

So once again I say let's hear it for the small school. If ever you should feel tempted to deride this fine institution, remember, you are the ones who decided to come here.

K.L.

Lady softball rebuttal

To the Editor —

As captain of the women's softball team I would like to clear up some untruths brought forth in the letter to the editor in the previous STUFF issue.

The other letter states that the women's softball team, as a whole, feels as if they are not supported by anyone. In reality, the majority of the team's feelings are exactly the opposite! As a matter of fact, the girls are thankful to be playing at all.

The facts are these: last year the team was originated as a club sport, and as I went around gathering information on how to start a club, everyone I came in contact with was extremely helpful and supportive

The athletic department, faculty and staff members all provided me with the pertinent information and as I left each one I received a handshake and good luck wishes. No one who participated last year expected varsity status this quickly. The soccer team (a men's team) waited over five years to achieve varsity status.

Another fact remains to be set straight. Money was indeed provided for our uniforms by the athletic department through funds available to them. The money each team member paid out was for the uniform shirt alone, their names sewn permanently on the back of the shirt and the Puma name displayed proudly on the front.

We were provided with the appropriate equipment, and as the catcher, I have the privilege of wearing most of

the team's budget every half-inning. The equipment is of the best quality and I have to say that I chose not to wear all the equipment provided for me.

Contrary to what the previous letter stated, the team has seven bats and approximately fifteen balls being used now, with more brand new ones just waiting for us to open the box and use them.

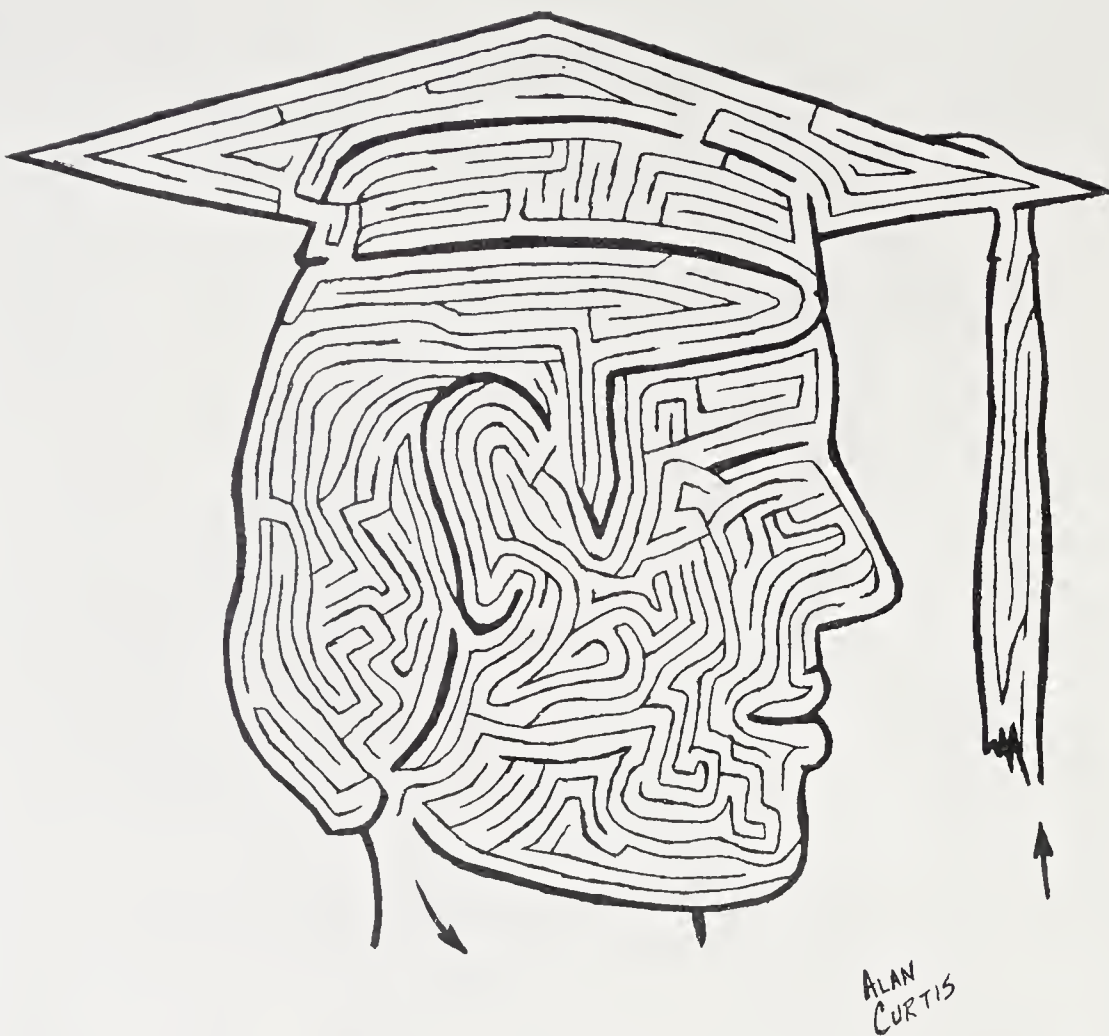
Mary Huffstetter, the other team captain, can be quoted as saying, "In our first year as a varsity sport we cannot expect the best everything, but we have been properly taken care of and everyone has been really cooperative."

The lady Pumas play their home games at Brookside Park for anyone interested in watching a competitive game being played by contented athletes. (An apparent rarity!)

The women's softball team would just like to say thank you for all the support we have received so far and we ask that if anyone has anything to say regarding our team as a whole in the future, please make sure they have all the appropriate information. Let it be known, however, that the majority of us have no complaints and we refuse to look the proverbial gift horse in the mouth!

J. Christine Cerny
Captain,
Saint Joe's Softball

This is the last issue of STUFF for 1983 - 84. Look for our first issue in the fall. Writers, reporters, and other staff are always needed. Help us build your student newspaper.



Off The Wall: A Column

By
GEORGE COTTRELL

that secures some kind of possession." That will shut them up.

Another question that tears me up is, "Are you looking forward to being out in the 'real' world?" What is the "real" world? And if it is not the one I am currently residing i.e., are there two? I do not know how to answer that question except by asking, "Should I be?"

Comments as well can become annoying. For instance, when someone says, "I can't believe you are graduating from college." I would love to just once say, "And I too, sir, have a high opinion of you." Or what about, "I know you will make something of yourself." I have always wanted to say, "Everybody will. I, on the other hand, might make the worst of myself."

I do not know why people say and ask these things. I know they do not really care. It is kind of like asking someone how his or her Christmas was. I guess they do it out of courtesy. You know, to show you they care, or at least deceive you into thinking they care. I hope no one ever asks me any of these questions again. I would be perfectly content if no one ever acted as if they cared. Why should they? I do not. I do not care because I am one of those destination freaks. You know, "Whatever happens was meant to." So I figure if 20 years from now I am a wino and a parasite of the welfare program, it will not be because I drank too much or was lazy. It will be because skid row had my seat reserved

Believe it or not, in three short weeks I will graduate from college. For sixteen years now I have endured the impositions of the system: homework, mandatory class attendance and especially responsibility. I have learned the importance of participation and the art of avoiding participation. The latter more expertly. And now I must reveal what you underclassmen have to look forward to.

When you near graduation you can expect to be viewed in a different light by your peers, old and new alike. And believe me, it is very amusing. People will ask you the most amazing questions, all of which you will have allergic reactions to by the year's end. You can invariably expect everyone to ask, "What are you going to do when you graduate?" Now personally, I do not know what I will be doing after I write this article, let alone what I will be doing in three weeks. But let me suggest this answer. "When I graduate I think I shall pursue my study of prehistoric neanderthal man." No one will ask anything further of you.

Along the same line other people will ask, "What do you want to be?" Personally, I want to "be" alive, but I suggest (to avoid further conversation) that you answer, "An insurance salesman." No one will pursue the inquisition. Anyway, what could they possibly ask, "Oh really, what type of insurance?" If they do just respond, "The type

and the working world was over-populated.

I guess I should end this, my last column, by saying that if any of you have ever enjoyed anything I have written, especially this, you are more "off the wall" than I am.

Thank you all for receiving my amateurish wit, and thank you Saint Joe, for being an institution I will be proud to say, 20 years from now, "I graduated from Saint Joseph's College." That, I hold sacred.

Corrections

We would like to correct the statement made in our last issue that Fr. Kaiser would be presented with the Faculty Scholar Award. The award is named for Fr. Kaiser and was presented to Fr. Charles Robbins at the Academic Awards Banquet last Thursday, April 10.

We would also like to correct the statement made naming Sheila White, president of the Art Club. Although she has held this position in the past, this year's president is Bernadette Wilson.

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Senior legacies . . .

I, **Chip Lupacchino**, hereby leave Anne O'Brien with expectations of high phone bills. I also leave the cafeteria to the person who hopefully has enough tolerance to babysit 800 children.

I, **Mandray LaCasse**, hereby leave my respectable reputation to First West.

I, **Jerry Underhill**, hereby leave Saint Joseph's political hogwash and also two of the most closed minds I know behind.

I, **Molly Sherkey**, hereby leave John Toby's torso to all future Saint Joe anatomy class.

I, **Rob Bridges**, hereby leave all of Gary's cigarette butts, Hawks' used snot rags, Bonnell's foot odor, Rod's booty, Ron's attitude, Wingard's teeth, Luccessi's looks and Martin's breath to next year's lucky R.A. in Aquinas. Also, I leave him Fuller's physique, one K-Head, Erby's glasses, and Battle's laugh.

I, **Joe Schipsi**, hereby leave Steve Reese enough money so that he can successfully complete his college education by 1990.

I, **Nick Hofmeister**, hereby leave the four garters that I have caught at different weddings. I hope you have the same luck I have had — I am still single!

I, **Dan Florenzo**, hereby leave to Chris Dunlop and Rob Walker the new R.A. in Seifert Hall. May your beatings and abuse be as often as were mine.

I, **Debi Carlson**, hereby leave to the girls of First West all of my loving memories of Mr. Steve Reese.

I, **Mark Joines**, hereby leave to all of the incoming freshmen basketball players the patience to put up with Coach Hogan.

I, **Doug Earl**, hereby leave an R.A. position in Justin Hall to Scott "Buddha" DeHart, so he won't have so far to walk.

I, **Veronica P. McCormick**, hereby leave Chris Miller an official "Vote for Jesse Jackson" campaign poster because he has proven to be her most influential political idol.

I, **Paul Frietag**, hereby leave my \$125 sound system to Fr. Banet, my letter jacket to Vicki, and my soccer ball to Ernest. I'm taking my three pairs of soccer shoes with me.

I, **Steve Costa**, hereby leave all of my blade possessions to Nick Polaro.

I, **Mike Rohrer**, hereby leave Stats, a lifetime subscription to Stupid Little Known Facts.

Musical messages—1984

By DAN HOYING

The story in the music world during 1983 was Michael Jackson and his amazing album **Thriller**, which produced seven top ten hits. The story that is even more amazing in 1984 is the current album by Van Halen entitled 1984. The album is currently in Billboard's top ten and has climbed as high as the number two position.

By now you are probably saying to yourself that this reporter must be crazy to believe that Van Halen could be a bigger story than Michael Jackson. I realize that 1984 will never sell as many copies as **Thriller** or that Van Halen will sweep the Grammys next year is even a remote possibility. But let's consider that Van Halen began back in 1977 as a group that was geared to more of a heavy metal sound and has switched over to what one might call a top 40 group if you were to refer to their latest album.

From the beginning it was the singing of David Lee Roth and the guitar playing of Eddie Van Halen that sold their albums and kept their loyal fans screaming for more. However, about three years ago the group's manager suggested that if they ever intended on being a super group like Journey or Styx they would have to produce a more synthesized sound. The group experimented on their **Diver Down** album with a sound more suited for the top 40 audience and the effects were

felt immediately. **Diver Down** debuted on the music charts higher than any previous Van Halen album. This success led to 1984.

1984 is by far the group's biggest hit to date. The first release from the album was **Jump**, which made it all the way to number one on the Pop charts, and with such songs as **Panama** the album will continue to sell at a very good pace. The song **Jump** featured Eddie on keyboards rather than guitar and gave the group a new versatility that they never had.

But to all you Van Halen fans of years gone by, fear not, Van Halen promises to mix their new sound with that of their old on their next album.



P.J. Abbott, first place finisher in the Little "500" race, receives his trophy during the awards presentation at Saturday's mixer from co-chairman Carol Helvig.

(Photo by Ruthann Goller)

Social Scene

Suitcases unpack for '500'

By CHRIS MILLER

If only every week of the year could be as eventful as the last two weeks have been, Saint Joe would no longer be a suitcase college. The weekend of April 6th got off to an early start on the 5th with the help of the women of Halas and the women of Justin Third West. Halas sponsored a Happy Hour party that was very well attended.

Happy Hour ended at 9 p.m., right as the Screw You party began at Justin. The females at the party were given screws and the males were presented with nuts. The object was then to find the nut or screw that fit yours. If you were successful in finding your mate you would qualify for a door prize. Unfortunately, the door prizes were stolen.

The social scene continued to surge on Friday night with Merlini's annual Beach Party. The Merlini lounge was packed with people enjoying the trop-

ical beverages and atmosphere.

Saturday was the day for another annual event: the Bennett Pig Roast. It was a huge success. The men of Bennett spared no expense in providing the food and drink.

Last week was filled with banquets for just about every group. Most of these were held on Wednesday. The Accounting/Finance banquet was held at Rafferty's, and it has been reported that Mr. William Del Principe was the life of the party. The Columbian Players held their banquet at Carson Inn where they presented awards and announced their officers for the upcoming year.

The Senate / S.A. party was held that same evening. The awards for Professor of the Year and Wooden Cask were presented. Professor of the Year went to Fr. James Froelich. The Wooden Cask award, which is presented to the member of the college community who exceeds his/her duties for the good of the

students, was given to Sandy Shaw. The humorous highlight of the evening was the Rob Bridges' (former S.A. President) Roast. Lighthearted insults were aimed at Bridges who was left speechless and incapable of adequate rebuttal. The evening ended with a great splash thanks to Ron Mulcahey and Nick Hofmeister.

The Gentlemen of Noll Second went to great pains to provide live entertainment for their party Thursday night. However, the crowd present for the party was very obstinate and refused to dance.

Little "500" weekend was kicked off Friday night with a mixer starring Kool Ray and the Polaroids. The ballroom was packed with people dancing and enjoying the band.

A handful of parents and a huge delegation of alumni arrived Saturday to watch the race. After the race most of the people enjoyed the live elevator music provided in the ballroom for the Geritol generation.

Reflections of 1983 — '84

By LAURIE ELISH

The 1983 - 84 school year is about to draw to a close. Looking back there are many things to remember.

What about the suntanned people that worked during orientation carrying countless footlockers and suitcases to strangers' rooms?

We cannot forget all of the crewcuts, mohawks, and bald heads of football players that greeted us at the start of the football season. And do not forget the cheerleaders who managed to keep spirits up even when the Pumas themselves were not so sure they had a chance.

Remember our main purpose for being here is to study. Who can ever forget those Core group projects where it always seemed that you ended up doing all the work. And remember the night before a paper was due and you were up to your elbows in books down in the library basement?

Studying, however, is not all bad. After all, study breaks were always quite fun and relaxing, especially if a little sleep was involved.

And I do not think that anyone can honestly say that they never let their dirty clothes pile up to the point where they were forced to wear a suit or dress to class.

The school work piled up, it always seems to do that. However, there were plenty of parties, mixers, roadtrips to heaven-only-knows-where, trips to McDonalds, the Truck Stop, and the bar to pick our spirits up.

Homecoming, Parents' Weekend, the Christmas Dance, the Valentine's Dance, Spring Break trips, Little "500" and Graduation are all highlights that we can remember.

And who can forget the I.M. teams? Everyone finally got his or her chance to be a star athlete while breaking the monotony of classes, tests, presentations and papers. Remember all of the golf games, frisbee games, kite flying, bike rides, and softball games we managed to get involved in? Simple times like these always brightened our days.

It seems that all of our times at Saint Joe's were made better by the smiling faces of friends.



Recruiting? Even at Saint Joe

By JOE CLAYTON

It is a fairly quiet time of year in Alumni Fieldhouse. Spring is here and with it baseball, softball, tennis and track, sports that practice and play, or are supposed to anyway, outside. Spring football is over and with it, for the first time in months, the training room no longer resembles Grand Central Station.

But do not be fooled just because there are not two or three basketball teams practicing every day. There is still a lot of work going on in the coaches offices, it is recruiting season at Saint Joseph's.

Recruiting? Now hold it a minute, isn't that something Indiana University and Notre Dame do? Absolutely, but so does SJC. The Pumas may not spend the same amount of money that I.U. or ND spend on recruiting, but there are still thousands of letters sent out and countless hours of phone calls and campus visits spent towards trying to recruit prospective student-athletes.

According to Athletic Director and Assistant Basketball coach Bill Hogan, there are three general ways Saint Joseph's finds out about prospective recruits.

One is through a mass mailing effort to high school Athletic Directors and Coaches, asking them to refer names of student-athletes that might be interested in SJC. The second way is through referrals from family, friends and players. Finally, there are the phone calls the coaches receive. Callers that as Hogan describes it say, "I've got a kid here you should look at."

The next step in the process is to send out literature on Saint Joseph's to the prospects and invite them to make a campus visit. As a follow up to a visit there are countless phone calls to the recruit. There is also, according to Hogan, the task of making sure all the financial aid papers are in order.

Finally there comes the point when a recruit makes a

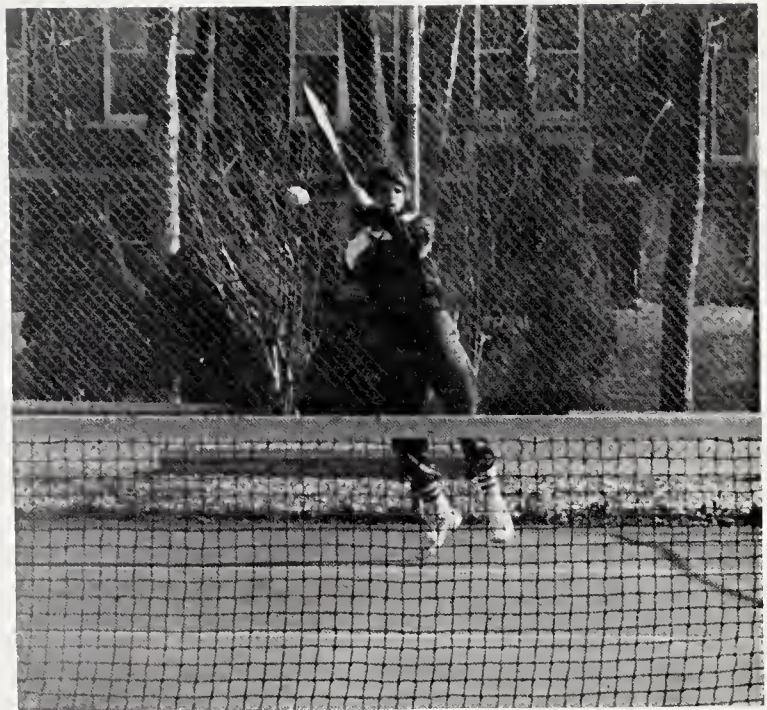
commitment to attend SJC. One question is, how does one define commitment?

If you have read a newspaper or watched television in the last week, you would have heard about high school basketball players signing to attend NCAA Division I schools. Almost all of those players signed what is called the national letter of intent.

The letter of intent is not subscribed to by all NCAA schools. According to men's basketball coach George Waggoner, about all of the 270 Division II's and none of the Division III schools use the letter.

Saint Joseph's is one of the schools that does not subscribe to the letter of intent. The school can sign an athlete to an institutional letter, but an institutional letter does not bind the recruit to the school he signs with.

"An institutional letter is bound only by my good faith and yours," says Waggoner.



Jim Macalka makes a return in his singles match against Marian April 11. (Photo by Bill Luken).

Women's track continues

by CLARE ANN HILLAN

Women's track is not something that begins in the spring. Months and months of practice and conditioning take place before the first meet is run. This year, the women's track team began practice in December.

Besides the actual practice, there is time to set aside for aerobics, specific conditioning and technique work.

The lady tracksters have nine returning runners and six freshmen. This year's team captains are juniors Jackie Harrison, Maria Rodden and Karen Watt.

So far this season the women have won nine meets while only losing three. There are just two meets left in the season before Little State, which will take place at Saint Joseph's. Little State is a

meet for all Division II and III colleges within the state. This is the first time that Saint Joseph's will host this special event.

Some of the strongest events for the women are the 100 and 200 meters, run by Jackie Harrison. The hurdles are another key event with freshmen Kelly Kerber, Jenny Armstrong and Corinne Snyder.

Another strong point is freshman Lorna Eyink, who has broken every school record in the outdoor events from the 1500 meter to the 10,000 meter.

Injuries have held the women back this year but everyone is slowly recovering. Karen Watt says, "We do not have that much depth, but we have quality, especially in our freshmen."

Men's track, off and running

By KARYN NOSAL

Many of you probably do not know what is happening on the men's track scene here at Saint Joe's.

The main reason for this is because our men's track team competes away for all of their meets.

There are no specialty members on the team. Each member runs any event they wish to compete in. It may sound a bit unorganized, but did you

know that Phil Sperry (fr.), broke the school's record in the 5000 meter run with a time of 15 minutes and 18 seconds? Did you also know that the whole team is composed of freshmen and one sophomore?

Today the men's track team will be running in the Grace relays. Joe Dawalt, a freshman on the team says, "The team will be showing a great deal of promise in the next couple of years."



Abbott races to Little '500' win

By KATE CONLON

The crowds have gone, the tires and fences have been put away, and the go-carts have been retired until next year. After months of hard work and preparation by Craig Fuller, chairman, and Carol Helvig, co-chairman, Little "500" 1984 has finally come and gone.

Fuller commented on how well the race was run. "I felt the race was a success because of the amount of organization and cooperation we had." Approximately 35 people worked on special committees beginning around Thanksgiving and continuing until the day of the race.

The festivities got under way with the crowning of the Little "500" king and queen. Juniors Mike Galiga and Lina Chesak were voted king and queen by their fellow students. Other members of the court included Theresa Brodeur, Lori Gosnell, Karen Clawson, Carol Helvig, Tim Miloserny, Mike Maltby, Dan Florenzo, Steve Jameson, and Larry Jacob.

From the moment the green flag went down the race ran without a hitch. Perhaps the highlights of the event can best be remembered from advice and encouragement given

the drivers by their pit crews through notes on the pit board: "Need a potty break... 58 seconds, keep it up... Need a Bud... Go fast turn left!"

Chairman Craig Fuller would like to express special thanks to: Fr. Matichek and Fr. Kramer for their help after the race checking gas supplies; AQU for putting up the fences; and Ron Mulcahey and Eric Brown for all their assistance.

At noon Mr. Fuad Hammoudeh, Grand Marshal, waved the green flag and the race was on!

Seventeen carts were entered in the race this year; only a few did not finish. Tom Messman, who has served as the technical adviser for eight years, commented on Saturday night's award ceremony, "This year's race was the most well run race I've seen." Although two drivers, senior Mary Huffstetter and freshman Scott Keyser, had minor difficulties there were no major accidents this year. Huffstetter's cart spun into a 360 degree turn as she went into turn three, between Seifert and Merlini Halls, and Keyser rolled his cart in turn four, just west of Seifert. Both drivers finished the race, placing among the top five.

For the first time in six years the race ran the full four hours. In recent years the race has been postponed or simply delayed due to inclement weather. The threat of rain was present, however, it failed to materialize until late in the evening, long after the last cart crossed the finish line.

Sophomore P.J. Abbott finished first completing 202 laps around the track in the allotted four hours. According to Abbott, whose fastest lap was made in 53 seconds, "It was a very good race from a driver's standpoint. It was very fair and all the drivers really looked out for one another."

Mary Huffstetter and Jenny Crawford (jrs.), the two girl team from Justin, placed second with a total of 197 laps.

Tom Hull, last year's winner, and Mark Albrecht placed third and fourth respectively, with 191 laps each. Rounding out the top ten finishers were Scott Keyser, Bonnie Ritzi and Cheryl Hall and Charlie Borger. Prizes ranged from \$400 awarded to the first place finisher, to \$25 dollar gift certificates awarded to sixth and seventh place winners.



Chris Cerny takes off from second base during the women's softball doubleheader against Marian on April 5. The Pumas split the twinbill against the Knights. Their record presently is 2-6. (Photo by Bill Luken)